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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Akihito SANO et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2856  
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Application No.: 10/584,627 ) Examiner: Mark A. Shabman  
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Filed: September 26, 2006 ) Confirmation No.: 9662  
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For: CONVEXO CONCAVE AMPLIFYING )  
DEVICE AND CONVEXO CONCAVE )  
DETECTING METHOD BY USE )  
THEREOF, DEFORMATION )  
SENSING DEVICE AND CONVEXO )  
CONCAVE DETECTING METHOD BY )  
USE THEREOF, AND CONVEXO )  
CONCAVE POSITION EXHIBITING )  
DEVICE AND CONVEXO CONCAVE )  
POSITION EXHIBITING METHOD )  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**RESPONSE TO SPECIES ELECTION AND RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In an Office Action dated January 16, 2008, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Group I - claims 1-12, drawn to a convexo concave amplifying device/method that employs a flexible sheet to provide for amplification and measurement, of Fig. 2; Group II - claims 13-33, drawn to a deformation sensing device/method that employs a deformable capsule and fluid to provide for amplification and measurement, of Fig. 4; or Group III - claims 26-33, drawn to deformation sensing device/method that employs deformation sensing portions that employ light-type

indicators. Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group I - claims 1-12, drawn to a convexo concave amplifying device/method that employs a flexible sheet to provide for amplification and measurement, of Fig. 2.

The Examiner further required election of a single species, between the species of Fig. 2 and Fig. 4.

Applicant hereby elects to prosecute the species of Fig. 2. The claims corresponding to this species are claims 1-12.

There currently is no generic claim in this application.

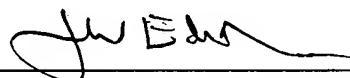
Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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